



Missouri Teacher Preparation Institution PROFILE

ROCKHURST UNIVERSITY

GENERAL INFORMATION

About the Institution

- Rockhurst's 35-acre main campus is located at 53rd and Troost Avenue, southeast of the Country Club Plaza in Kansas City. The university and affiliated high school were founded in 1910; college classes began in 1917. Rockhurst University is an independent, nonprofit organization governed by a Board of Trustees. As one of 28 Jesuit colleges and universities in the United States, Rockhurst is part of the largest network of independent higher education institutions in the nation.

Source: Rockhurst University (<http://www.rockhurst.edu>)

- Enrollment*** **2,955** (2,097 undergraduates)
 - White 83.1%
 - African American 5.8%
 - American Indian 0.6%
 - Asian 2.4%
 - Hispanic 3.7%
 - Other 4.4%
 - Missouri residents 68% (undergraduates)
 - Male 43.3%
 - Female 56.7%

*Fall 1999 Headcount

Source: 1999-2000 Statistical Summary of Missouri Higher Education (Tables 19a, 19b, 32a & 32b)

Transfer Students from Missouri Public Community Colleges* 41

*Fall 1998 degree-seeking undergraduate students

Source: 1998-1999 Statistical Summary of Missouri Higher Education (Tables 73a & 73b)

Bright Flight Scholarship Students¹ 74

Source: 1998-1999 Statistical Summary of Missouri Higher Education, July 1999 (Tables 18a & 18b)

Byrd Scholarship Students (Missouri residents)² 1

Source: Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Entrance Requirements

To be considered for admission to Rockhurst, a prospective student needs to provide the university with a completed application; ACT or SAT results; a recommendation completed by the student's counselor; and an up-to-date transcript, including high school class rank.

Source: Rockhurst Web Site

- Average ACT Score of 1994 Freshmen Class*³** **23.8**

*Fall 1994 degree-seeking, ACT-tested, first-time freshmen

Source: 1994-1995 Statistical Summary of Missouri Higher Education, Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education (Tables 1.1 & 1.2)

- Tuition & Fees for Typical Full-time Undergraduate Student*** **\$12,840**

*1999-2000 academic year

Source: 1999-2000 Statistical Summary of Missouri Higher Education

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About the Education Program

- The Department of Education resides in the Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences. The department structure administers the affairs of the department; the division structure fosters communication among departments with similar interests. The chair of the Department of Education reports to the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. The dean of the College of Arts and Sciences reports to the president of the university.

Source: Rockhurst Draft MoSTEP Report, March 1999

- Enrollment in Undergraduate Professional Education Programs* **79** (15 part-time)

American Indian	0.0%
Asian	1.6%
African American	6.3%
Hispanic	6.3%
White	85.9%
Other	0.0%
Nonresident Aliens	0.0%
Unknown	0.0%

Missouri residents 62.5%

Male 14.1%

Female 85.9%

**Fall 1998 Headcount (full-time students)*

Source: Institution AACTE/NCATE Report, Oct. 1, 1999

Transfer Students from Missouri Public Community Colleges* **Not Reported**

**Fall 1999 degree-seeking undergraduate students*

Missouri Teacher Education Scholarship Students ⁴ 1

Missouri Minority Teaching Scholarship Students ⁵ 1

Source: Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

- Education Program Entrance Requirements

Students should apply to the Education Department during the semester their major is declared, that is, the semester they complete 56 hours. Admission to the Teacher Education Program requires a minimum grade point average of 2.5; a minimum cumulative ACT score of 20 or 21 on the enhanced ACT; approval of the Teacher Education Committee; successful completion of the C-BASE; and an "Affidavit of Moral Character" form. Students also must have a C or better in all education courses; students in secondary education must have a C or better in all courses in their area of certification. Missouri certification requires a minimum GPA of 2.5. Students who have not had prior course work in the Rockhurst Education Department must submit a formal letter of application to the Teacher Education Committee and participate in a formal interview with a full-time faculty member.

Source: Rockhurst Web Site

- Information about Education Program Completers ⁶

Recommended for initial Missouri certification in 1998

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Age

Under 25	65%
25-34	24%
35-44	9%
45-54	3%
55 and over	0%

Source: Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Average ACT score⁷ (for initial Missouri certification in 1998)

21.4

Source: ACT Inc. Research Services

C-BASE scores⁸

Passed all five subjects *first time*

Took Test	Passed all Subjects	English			Writing			Math			Science			Social St.		
		Min	Max	Medn	Min	Max	Medn	Min	Max	Medn	Min	Max	Medn	Min	Max	Medn
27	17	240	375	295	255	355	305	258	411	320	247	419	317	270	403	319

Passed all five subjects, *one or more attempts* through December 1998

Took Test	Passed all Subjects	English (313)*			Writing (314)*			Math (314)*			Science (306)*			Social St. (303)*		
		Min	Max	Medn	Min	Max	Medn	Min	Max	Medn	Min	Max	Medn	Min	Max	Medn
28	27	240	405	295	255	369	301	238	411	293	247	419	299	240	403	318

*state median score

Source: Assessment Resource Center

Employed in Missouri public schools⁹ in 1998-99*

13 (41%)

Missouri public school districts employing Rockhurst University
1998 program completers 9

Major employers of Rockhurst University 1998 program completers

North Kansas City 74	2	Grandview C-4	2
Independence No. 30	2	Kansas City 33	2

*Does not include individuals employed in public schools in another state, employed in private schools in Missouri or another state, or who received their teaching credentials but were employed in another field or unemployed

Source: Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

RESOURCES

Institution

- Full-time Faculty at Rockhurst 107

Source: 1998-1999 Statistical Summary of Missouri Higher Education (Tables 44a & 44b)

Education Program

- Full-time Education Program Faculty 5

American Indian	0
Asian	0
African American	0
Hispanic	0
White	5
Nonresident Aliens	0
Other	0
Male	3
Female	2
Doctorate Degree	5
Missouri Teaching Certificate	Not Reported
National Board Certification	0

- Adjunct Education Program Faculty 6

Full-time with the institution, part-time in education 1

Part-time in education 5

Source: Rockhurst University, August 2000

EDUCATION PROCESSES

Institution

- Student-to-Faculty Ratio 14:1
- Average Class Size 17

Source: Rockhurst Web Site

Education Program

- Student-to-Faculty Ratio 14:1
- Average Class Size 15

Source: Rockhurst University, August 2000

- Practical Experience Requirements for Education Majors

ED 1320 Multicultural Clinical Experience and Analysis of Instruction requires students to observe in classrooms and/or participate in volunteer activities in the schools. This course requires students to observe in schools for two to three hours per week. Every semester of their pre-teaching career, students are required to teach and/or observe real students in real situations. During the first five weeks of the "Professional Semester," which is the final semester before graduation, students' courses are designed to pull together previous education courses and to further develop the skills and knowledge necessary for successful careers as classroom teachers. During this time, students observe the classroom in which they will do their student teaching. In the middle of the semester, students work full-time at their student-teaching placement sites where they gradually take on the full role and responsibilities of a classroom teacher. At the end of this experience, students return to the classroom and reflect upon what has been learned.

Source: Rockhurst Draft MoSTEP Report, March 1999

- Professional Development School(s)

The relationship with a neighborhood school, St. Francis Xavier School, not only allows constant interaction with students on-site, it also enables SFX students to come to Rockhurst to participate in special projects such as the lab teaching activities conducted by Rockhurst's student teachers.

Source: Rockhurst Draft MoSTEP Report, March 1999

- Co-curricular Programs **Not Reported**

- Instructional Technology Requirements

The instructional use of technology is integrated throughout the teacher education curriculum at Rockhurst University. In addition, all elementary and secondary education majors are required to take ED 4030 Technology and Education: Applications and Implications, an upper division course. This course introduces students to the practical applications of computer technology in education. Students learn a variety of techniques usable in the classroom, and initiate inquiry into the educational implications of emerging information technologies. Special emphasis is given to the exploration of how these technologies might be of assistance in meeting the needs of diverse learners.

Source: Rockhurst University, April 2000

PERFORMANCE

- Missouri certificates* issued in 1998 to Rockhurst education program completers, by subject area and grade level

Subject Area	Grade Level	Recommended for Certification
Business Education Except Shorthand	9-12	1
Elementary Education	1-6	24
English	9-12	5

Mathematics	9-12	1
Social Science	9-12	1
Spanish	K-12	2
Total		34

*Number of certificates issued, not number of graduates

Source: Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Certification Section

- Performance of Program Completers* on Praxis II Exit Exam ¹⁰

	Total Examinees	Number Passing	Qualifying Score	Institutional Average	Missouri Average	National Median
Business Education	1	1	550	550	656	640
Education in the Elementary School	24	24	520	613	631	630
English Language & Literature	3	3	500	630	606	600
Mathematics: Content Knowledge	1	1	137	151	159	140
Professional Knowledge	3	3	638	660	666	663
Social Studies	1	1	500	580	617	600
Spanish	2	2	490	620	592	580
Total	35	35				

*Individuals recommended for initial Missouri certification in 1998

Source: Educational Testing Service Source: Educational Testing Service

- Follow-up on Rockhurst Program Completers

Education program completers who received initial
Missouri certification in 1993

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Employed in Missouri public schools in

1994-95	4 (21%)
1995-96	4 (21%)
1996-97	5 (26%)
1997-98	6 (31%)
1998-99	5 (26%)

*Employed in Missouri public schools in 1998-99,
with master's degree*

2 (11%)

*Employed in the same Missouri public
school district in*

1994-95	4 (21%)
1994-96	3 (16%)
1994-97	2 (11%)
1994-98	2 (11%)
1994-99	1 (5%)

Certification Status as of Sept. 1, 1999

Holding Valid PC I	1 (5%)
Holding Valid PC II	8 (42%)
Lapsed ¹¹	10 (53%)

Source: Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Major Employers¹²

Missouri school districts employing Rockhurst graduates* 36

Rockhurst University had 109 graduates teaching in Missouri public schools during the 1998-99 school year.

Kansas City 33 employed 25 percent (27) of the 109 graduates teaching in Missouri public schools during the 1998-99 school year.

School districts employing 6 percent or more of Rockhurst University's 109 graduates teaching in Missouri public school during the 1998-99 school year

Blue Springs R-IV	7%	(8)
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Hickman Mills C-1	7%	(8)
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Kansas City 33	25%	(27)
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**Includes all graduates of Rockhurst employed in the district, not just those who completed the education program*

Source: Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

STARR Teachers¹³ 0

National Board Certified Teachers¹⁴ 0

Missouri Teachers of the Year¹⁵ 0

Source: Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Other Honors and Awards Earned by Graduates

Not Reported